

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee. Upon entry of the amendments presented above, claims 1-17 will appear in this application.

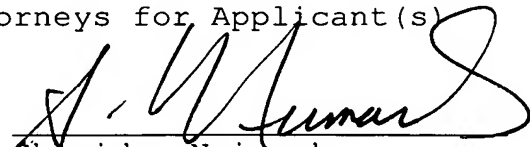
The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims that are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, to eliminate all multi-dependencies so as to reduce the filing fee, and to otherwise improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice. Such amendments are made entirely without prejudice, the applicant respectfully reserving their rights to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims that may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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